(b) In the year 2004, the share of Rajasthan in domestic tourist visits was 4.4% and foreign tourist was 11.7%

(c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken by the State/UT Governments. The Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to the States/UTs for tourism related projects, which are identified in consultation with them subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

(d) Financial assistance sanctioned for various tourism projects in the State of Rajasthan, during the last 3 years, has been as follows:

(Rupees in Lakh)

Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
2002-03	1098.70	1098.70
2003-04	1410.51	1261.24
2004-05	2519.06	1931.01

(e) and (f) Every year meetings of State Secretaries of Tourism are organized to review the progress of proejcts sanctioned during the previous years, and prioritise the projects of current year for Central Financial assistance. During the year 2004-05, 11 projects for the State of Rajasthan were prioritized, and an amount of Rs. 25.19 crores was sanctioned for the same. During the year 2005-06, 3 destination projects and 1 Circuit of development of tourism in the State have prioritized in consultation with the State Government in the meeting.

(g) The Government is mainly implementing the schemes of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits; Product/Infrastructure & Destination Development; Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects, and; Capacity Building for Service Providers under which financial assistance is provided for development of tourism in the States, including the State of Rajasthan.

Development of tourist spots in Chikmanglur district

2316. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the important places identified by the Tourism Department in Chikmanglur district in Karnataka for tourism development;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up a ropeway at Kemangundi Hills; and

(c) whether there has been comprehensive package by the Central Government for development of tourist spots in Chikmanglur district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The State Tourism Department, Karnataka have identified the following places for development of tourism in Chickmagalore District:

Chickmagalore Taluk	Mullayangiri, Bababudangiri, Hiremagalur, Muthodi game sanctuary and Belavadi
Tarikere Taluk	Kemmangundi, Amrutapura, Bhadra
Mudigere Taluk	Kalasa, Horanadu, Kudremukh, Angadi, Ballalrayandurga
Sringeri Taluk	Sringeri
Kadur Taluk	Ayyuanakere
Koppa Taluk	Hirekodigi

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments themselves. However, Ministry of Tourism on the basis of project proposals prioritized in consultation with them provides central financial assistance. The following proejcts have been sanctioned by this Ministry for devleopment of tourist spots in Chickmagalore District:

(i) Development of Chickmagalore Wilderness for Rs. 202.48 lakhs during 2004-05

(ii) Construction of Eco-Tourism facility at Lakkavalli, Bhadra, Chickmagalore District for Rs. 45.45 lakhs in 1999-2000.

Inclusion of Chitrakoot in International Tourism Map

2317. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced to include Chitrakoot, which had been a Karambhoomi of God Ram in olden days, in India's International Tourist Map;